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## MILITARY COURTS FOR THE TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

D.J.A.G's Case No. ....

Name of Accused (including Rank, if any)	Arm or Former Arm of the Service	Age	Date and Place of Trial
Kapitänleutnant Heinz ECK Leutnant zur See August HOFFMANN Marine Stabsarzt Walter WEISSPFENNIG Kapitänleutnant(Ing) Hans Richard LENZ Gefreiter SCHWENDER	German Navy do. do. do. do. do.		17, 18, 19 and 20 October 1945 War Crimes Court, HAMBURG Convened by Commander, 8 Corps District

### CHARGES

COMMITTING A WAR CRIME

in that they

in the Atlantic Ocean on the night of  
13/14 March 1944, when captain and  
members of the crew of Unterseeboot  
852 which had sunk the steamship  
"PELEUS" in violation of the laws and  
usages of war were concerned in the  
killing of members of the crew of the  
said steamship, Allied Nationals, by  
firing and throwing grenades at them.

President and Members of the Court (except Legal Member)		Judge Advocate/ <del>Legal Member</del>
Brigadier C. I. V. JONES, CBE	Commander 106 AA Bde	Major MELFORD STEVENSON, KC
Brigadier R. M. JERRAM, DSO, MC		
Commodore D. YOUNG-HAMILTON	Royal Navy	
Captain Sir ROY GILL, KBE	Royal Naval Reserve	
Lt. Colonel H. E. PIPER	Royal Artillery	
Captain E. MATTHEOS	Royal Hellenic Navy	
Commander N. L. SARRIS	Royal Hellenic Navy	
Pleaded	Finding	
<u>ALL ACCUSED</u>	<u>ALL ACCUSED</u>	
NOT GUILTY	GUILTY	

### Sentence and Minute of Confirmation

ECK, HOFFMANN and WEISSPFENNIG	-	death by shooting (Confirmed by C. in C.)
LENZ	-	imprisonment for life (British Army of the Rhine)
SCHWENDER	-	imprisonment for fifteen years (on 12 Nov. 45)

When and where Promulgated :—

29th Nov. 1945 H.Q. 98 Group Pioneer Corps

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